(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

**Allocation for SSA and Mid-Day Meal**

2121. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to reports published in print media recently;

(b) if so, the amount Government are going to allocate for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and Mid-day Meal Scheme during the Eleventh Plan period as compared to Tenth Plan period;

(c) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has put forward the demand of Rs. 30,000 crore in this regard; and

(d) if so, the amount to be allocated by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (d) Against a projected requirement of Rs. 28,924.67 crores for the first year of the Eleventh Plan period *i.e.* 2007-08, the following allocations have been made for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and Mid-Day Meal (MDM) Scheme, as mentioned in the Budget document:—

| | |
|---|---|
| SSA | Rs. 10,671.00 crore |
| MDM | Rs. 7,324.00 crore |

**Primary education in Andhra Pradesh**

2122. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Andhra Pradesh stands at one of the lowest place in the primary education in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the condition of other States in the country; and

(d) the steps and long term plans proposed to be made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) To assess progress of States and Union Territories towards the goal of Universalisation of Elementary Education (UEE), an Educational Development Index (EDI) has been developed to rank States/UTs against key parameters of elementary education. The State of Andhra Pradesh is ranked at eleventh position. State-wise ranking for primary level of education on 2005-06 data is given in Statement (*See* below).

(d) The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan is being implemented by all States/UTs in order to achieve the goal of universal elementary education.

***Statement***

*Education Development Index for Primary Level—State Ranking*

| State/UTs | Primary Level |
|---|---|
| 1 | 2 |
| Andaman & Nicobar Islands | 26 |
| Andhra Pradesh | 11 |
| Arunachal Pradesh | 34 |
| Assam | 31 |
| Bihar | 35 |
| Chandigarh | 5 |
| Chhattisgarh | 16 |
| Dadra & Nagar Haveli | 29 |
| Daman & Diu | 19 |
| Delhi | 1 |
| Goa | 20 |
| Gujarat | 12 |
| Haryana | 22 |

| 1 | 2 |
|---|---|
| Himachal Pradesh | 7 |
| Jammu & Kashmir | 17 |
| Jharkhand | 33 |
| Karnataka | 8 |
| Kerala | 3 |
| Lakshadweep | 6 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 24 |
| Maharashtra | 13 |
| Manipur | 23 |
| Meghalaya | 25 |
| Mizoram | 9 |
| Nagaland | 28 |
| Orissa | 21 |
| Pondicherry | 4 |
| Punjab | 15 |
| Rajasthan | 18 |
| Sikkim | 10 |
| Tamil Nadu | 2 |
| Tripura | 27 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 30 |
| Uttarakhand | 14 |
| West Bengal | 32 |